

SENATE BILL 3293
By Clabough

AN ACT to amend Chapter 7 of
Title 58 of the Tennessee
Code regarding State
Veterans' Homes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 58-7-102(b) of the Tennessee Code Annotated is amended by deleting the existing language and substituting the following:

(b) The board shall consist of ten (10) members. The commissioner of veterans' affairs shall be an ex officio, voting member of the board. The commissioner may designate a staff member to attend meetings of the board or its committees and to exercise the commissioner's right to vote in the commissioner's absence. Such designation shall be made in writing to the chair of the board. The remaining nine (9) members shall be appointed by the governor, shall serve for three (3) year terms, and all such appointments will be subject to review by the joint select committee on veterans' affairs of the general assembly. Of those nine (9) members, at least three (3) members shall be knowledgeable in the area of nursing home care or health care, at least three (3) members in the area of business management and accounting, and the remaining members shall be honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces. Nationally chartered service organizations having departments in Tennessee may make recommendations to the governor. It is the intent of the general assembly that the board be composed of members representing each of the three (3) grand divisions of the state,

and, if veterans, the different service organizations and different branches of the armed forces.

SECTION 2. The last sentence of Section 58-7-103(5) is amended by deleting the existing language and substituting instead the following:

Contracts for goods and services must comply with procedures included in the Plan of Operation approved pursuant to Section 58-7-110 and filed with the state funding board, and not with requirements of Title 12, Chapters 3 and 4.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it; except that the provisions in Section 1 regarding membership criteria shall be phased in as current terms expire.